

NO EXTRAVAGANCE AT MT. WEATHER

Lavish Furnishings Not to
Be Found.

BUILDINGS ARE USEFUL

"Rigid Economy Has Been Practiced in
Their Construction," Says Mr.
Williams.

Investigations supplementary to those made yesterday by The Times correspondent at Mt. Weather, near Bluemont, Va., appear to bear out the statement that so far as the buildings and furnishings at the weather and research station, which has been called by some "Prof. Moore's summer annex," are concerned, there has been no extravagance.

Although the buildings have been put up with a view of making them stable and of an appearance that would be creditable to the Government of the United States, there has been no spending of money for illegal purposes or for personal ends and conveniences.

The station, with its group of buildings, has the look of the place it is really intended to be, a station for research work of the highest and most serviceable nature.

The administration building, as shown in the accompanying illustrations, is of stone, solid, roomy and adapted to the office and signaling work for which it was built. The ground floor is given over to offices and a reception hall, which is also shown in the illustrations. The upper floor is given over to bed rooms and living rooms.

Not Too Lavishly Furnished.

The reception hall is well, but not too lavishly, furnished. In it are tables, chairs, and lounging benches provided with sofa pillows. It extends from wall to wall of the structure. The offices on the lower floor are well fitted up with office equipment, and the instruments used in the weather service.

The kite tower is a round building made of stone. This is absolutely necessary for the sending up of kites used for taking observations of phenomena in the upper atmosphere.

The private stables are meant for the shelter of any horses that may be owned by the individuals stationed at Mt. Weather, as the station is called. The care and feed of such horses have to be paid for by the people owning them. The private stable is nearly all frame.

Cottage for Observers.

The frame cottage, shown in the illustrations, is for the family and of the observers stationed at one of the two magnetic houses. These magnetic houses will be used for the observation of phenomena connected with the magnetism of the earth, and are essential to the purposes of the station, which is designated to investigate all phenomena that can in any way affect the forecasting of weather far ahead and at the same time with accuracy. It will be noted that none of the buildings is unnecessarily large, and that they are built on lines of simplicity and usefulness.

Rigid Economy Practiced.

"Rigid economy has been practiced by the Weather Bureau in the construction of the observatory and laboratory buildings at Mt. Weather, Va.," said Henry E. Williams, assistant chief of the bureau, to a Times reporter this morning.

"Criticism is the fashion of the hour. Someone has thought there has been extravagance connected with the construction and maintenance of Mt. Weather. There has been none."

"Contracts for the buildings have been awarded to the lowest bidders. The first building erected, which is also the main building of the weather station, was constructed according to contract for the whole. Since then it has seemed better in some cases to award the contracts for the buildings to the lowest bidder. That is, the plumbing is awarded to one man and the carpentry to another, and the timing to still another. Appropriated between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for the erection of buildings by the Weather Bureau, the exact location of which is left to the decision of the Secretary of the department and to the chief of the bureau. The only limit is that at least five buildings be erected with the sum appropriated. If, after the completion of these five buildings, there be a part of this appropriation unexpended, the bureau is permitted to use it for the construction of other buildings deemed necessary."

Erected With Surplus.

"Mt. Weather has been erected with money remaining after the erection of the five buildings called for by the law making the appropriation."

"Two more buildings are already planned and are under construction at the Mt. Weather. They will not be completed this year, however. No unnecessary expenditure will be made for these, as there was none for the buildings already finished."

"Mt. Weather will undoubtedly prove of great value in the forecast of the weather. It may be said that we have gone the limit along the lines of investigation already undertaken, and used to advantage by the bureau. It only remains to go into new fields of research. Mt. Weather is the first station of its kind in the world, and it is for meteorological research. By the use of kites, balloons, and instruments to measure the intensity and kind of the sun's rays the bureau will investigate the upper strata of the atmosphere with it is expected, direct improvement in weather forecasts."

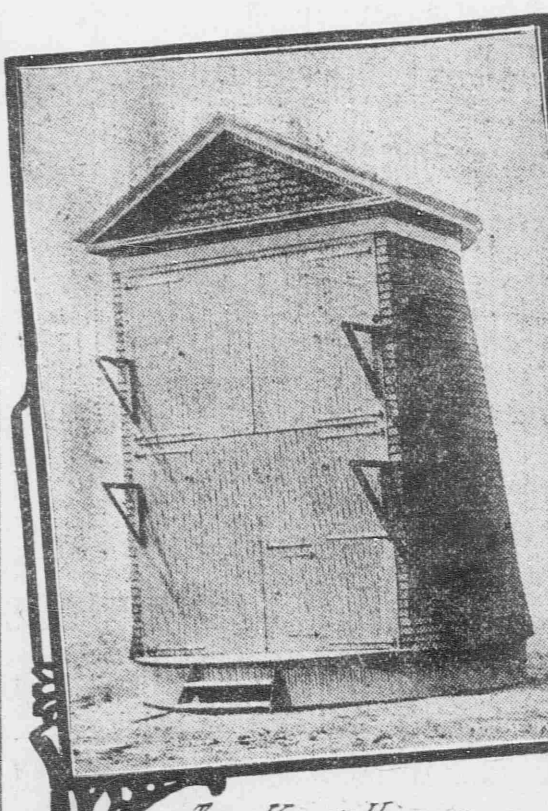
Floral Designs at 25 Per Cent Off
During August. Blackstone's, 14th and H sts.

\$6.00 Week-End Excursions, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. to Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, and Ocean City, N. J., and return. Every Friday and Saturday, returning until following Tuesday inclusive.

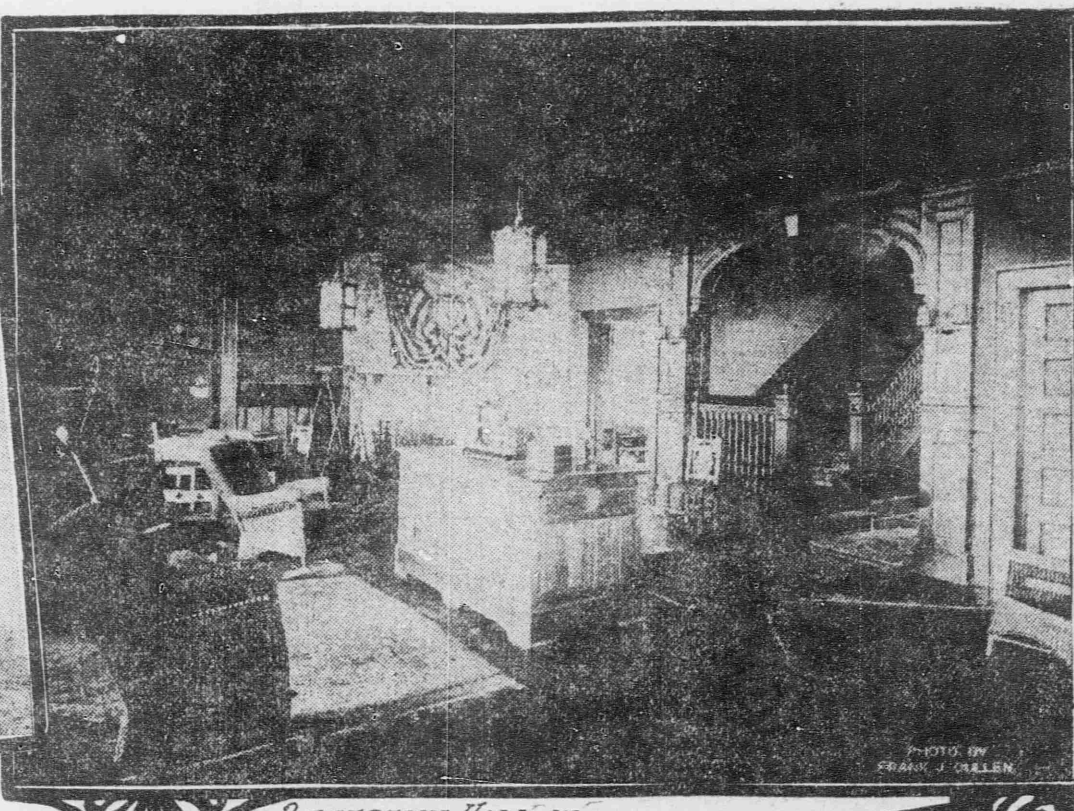
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They are due to impurities in the blood and it has been found that a course of IRVING'S BUCHU WAFERS, the well known Kidney and Blood Remedy will eradicate the trouble promptly. Why be mortified by an unsightly complexion when the cure is so simple and cheap, 50 cents.
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BUILDINGS AT "MT. WEATHER," THE WEATHER BUREAU BRANCH, OVERLOOKING THE BEAUTIFUL SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA



The Kite House



RECEPTION HALL IN
ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING



The Private Stable



COTTAGE FOR UPPER
AIR EXPERIMENT

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 3.—The Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company has advertised for proposals for the purchase of the hull, machinery and boilers of the old ferry steamer Columbia, which was burned to her main deck in Washington some years ago. The boat has been lying at the company's wharf in this city for some time.

HENRY BISSON DEAD.

Henry Bisson, aged sixty-eight years, died at his home, 125 North Henry street, this morning. The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow afternoon.

MISS SCHERGUER'S FUNERAL.

The remains of Miss Myrtle M. Scherguer, who died at Providence Hospital, a few days ago, were brought to this city today. Her funeral will take place from her late home at St. Elmo tomorrow afternoon. Miss Scherguer was twenty-four years of age.

BRYANT DISMISSED.

John Bryant, colored, was arrested by Policemen Beach and Lyles yesterday charged with assaulting a little white boy named Joseph Mullin. The little lad testified that he was coming across King street, selling papers, yesterday afternoon, when Bryant passed on a wagon. The lad alleged that Bryant hit him across the face with his whip. He showed a long mark on his cheek, his countenance as proof of his allegation. Bryant, in his own defense, said that the boy was on the back seat of his wagon and that he feared that the iron, which he had in the wagon, would

\$1.00 Harpers Ferry, Charlestown, Winchester and return. Leave Baltimore and Ohio R. R. station, Sunday, August 6, 8:30 a. m. Splendid opportunity to visit our soldier boys in camp.

roll out and hurt the boy, struck at him with his whip not intending to hit him, but only to frighten him. Justice Polton dismissed Bryant.

BROKEN ARM.

While playing near his home yesterday Willie Owens, a thirteen-year-old boy who resides in Lee street near Wolfe, fell and broke his arm.

FIRE WARDENS ORGANIZE.

The board of fire wardens have organized by the election of C. J. W. Summers president and Harry Downham secretary.

WILL PLAY BALL.

A game of baseball will be played on the old fair grounds this afternoon between the Alexandria Athletic Club and the Hyattsville baseball club. Both lines are strong and a fine game is promised.

POPULAR EXCURSION.

The excursion given by the Friendship Veteran Fire Association to Marshall Hall today seems to be the most popular one of the year. A large crowd went with the firemen on the first and second boats, and tonight it is expected that a still larger crowd will enjoy a trip down the river.

\$10.00 Niagara Falls Excursion, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Leaving Washington 7 a. m., August 4. Special train standard coaches and Pullman parlor cars, via Philadelphia and picturesque Lehigh valley. Tickets good ten days. Liberal stopovers returning.

Portland, Ore., via Scenic C. & O. Ry. Lewis and Clark Exposition. Liberal rates and stop-over privileges.



The ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PROF. ALEX BELL ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Friends of Prof. Alexander M. Bell were pleased to learn last night that he had rallied from the effects of the operation he underwent Tuesday. Prof. Bell suffered from a carbuncle, which was removed on Tuesday, the operation being performed by Drs. Mitchell and Briggs, of this city, assisted by Dr. Pritchey, of Baltimore. His attendants are pleased with the steady improvement of the professor, and are hopeful of his early recovery.

Summer and Week-End Excursions.

Tickets to Virginia mountain resorts on sale at Chesapeake and Ohio offices.

\$1.00 to Harpers Ferry and Return, August 6th. Splendid opportunity to visit the Guard in camp. Train leaves Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Station 8:30 a. m., above date.

Times Want Ad. Branch.
Want advertisements and subscriptions for The Evening and Sunday Times will be received at regular office rates at Goldenberg's Department Store, Seventh and K streets northwest.

BLAZE IN BUILDING CAUSED BY GAS JET

The residence of Fred A. Emery, at the corner of Fourteenth and Harvard streets, caught fire shortly before 2 o'clock last night, and damage was done to the extent of \$100, covered by insurance. The fire was started by some furnishings of a room coming in contact with a lighted gas jet. Engine company No. 11 did good work in confining the fire to that one room.

POLICE CONTROL STRIKE SITUATION IN SAN JUAN

SAN JUAN, Aug. 3.—The police control the strike situation. Governor Vilethup threatens to shoot down riotous lawbreakers if disturbances continue.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.
Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All trains except Congressional Limited.

Baltimore and Return, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday \$1.25. All trains both ways, day days, except Royal Limited. "Hourly Service" week days.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY

BEDROOM SUITES AT REDUCED PRICES

WE WILL TRUST YOU

Selected Oak Bedroom Suite, full size, large bevel-plate glass, neatly carved, well made and finished. Worth \$23. Special trade-making value.

\$13.95

Solid Oak Bedroom Suite, swell drawer dresser, extra large bevel-plate glass, nicely carved, well made and finished. Worth \$25. Special trade-making value.

\$21.49

MAYER & CO., 415-417 7th St.

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8th St. & Pa. Ave.
THE BUSY CORNER

Study these third floor remnant bargains

Extraordinary values every one. **closely** Extraordinary values every one.

Most lots are limited. Some will not last all day. If you are as appreciative as the offerings are good—no lot will last the day through.

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| 4 ⁷ / ₈ c yd. | SILVERY GRAY print remnants in the real Simpson styles. Big value at 6 ⁷ / ₈ c a yard. |
| 9 ¹ / ₂ c yd. | SEA ISLAND Percalines, in light colors. Good for shirts as well as dresses and waists. Figures or stripes. Regularly sold at 12 ¹ / ₂ c yard. |
| 5 ⁷ / ₈ c yd. | WINDSOR PERCALE Remnants in black grounds only, with white polka dots and figures. This is always sold from the pieces at 12 ¹ / ₂ c yard. |
| 6 ¹ / ₂ c yd. | PACIFIC Twilled Draperies in remnants. Choice of good floral or set designs. The pieces price is never less than 10c—usually 12 ¹ / ₂ c. |
| 7 ¹ / ₂ c yd. | FAST COLOR black saten remnants. You can always find use for these, but cannot always buy them at 7 ¹ / ₂ c. Piece price is 12 ¹ / ₂ c yard. |
| 4 ⁷ / ₈ c yd. | INDIA LINON Remnants—all white, but slightly soiled. Worth 8 ¹ / ₂ c to 12 ¹ / ₂ c a yard. Good lengths to choose from. |
| 2 ⁷ / ₈ c yd. | SMALL LOT of white India Linon Remnants, 24 and 27 inches wide, slightly soiled. In variety of lengths. Choice tomorrow at 2 ⁷ / ₈ c yard. |

18c to 39c wash goods, 8³/₄c yd.

in good styles and good lengths—at.....
Doubt if late comers can get near the remnant table on which these will be sold.

Organdies, Dotted Mohairs, Challis, Mulls, Fine Gingham, Madras. Lengths are most suitable for waists. Some may be matched to secure dress patterns.

Not a single piece worth under 18c a yard.
Third floor—Remnant section.

Small lots mean small prices in ready-to-wear apparel

In some instances there is but one of a kind—in other more. To avoid being disappointed come in the morning.

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| 1 Green Panama Suit in the popular tuxedo style, trimmed in silk and lined. Reduced from \$25.00 to..... | 1 Fine Silk Dress, with shirring, flounce skirt. Reduced from \$10.50 to..... | 3 Checked Skirts, kilted style. Reduced from \$10.00 to..... |
| \$10.75 | \$11.75 | \$5.00 |
| 2 Fancy Panama Suits, in blouse and coat styles, check effects. Reduced from \$18.50 to..... | 3 Crepe de Chine Dresses, in brown and light blue; have silk drop. Reduced from \$22.50 to..... | 2 White Linen Long Coat Suits. Reduced from \$19.75 to..... |
| \$11.75 | \$10.50 | \$6.50 |
| 6 full length Mohair Traveling or Rain Coats, in blue, brown, and black. Reduced from \$12.98 to..... | 1 Silk Shirt Waist Suit in brown check. Size 28. Reduced from \$12.98 to..... | 2 Short Frock-and-Frail Suits of white linen with blue trimmings. Reduced from \$15.75 to..... |
| \$7.95 | \$4.50 | \$7.50 |
| 1 Fine India Linon Dress, trimmed in shirring and lace. Reduced from \$13.50 to..... | 2 Blue Linen Skirts, kilted effect. Reduced from \$5.00 to..... | 5 Black Cheviot and Tan Coat Coats, nicely lined. Reduced from \$5.00 to..... |
| \$8.75 | \$2.50 | \$2.50 |

Many pennies to save on ribbon remnants

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| Desirable lengths—widths—and kinds. | |
| 3c yard { for 1 and 14-inch plain Taffeta Ribbons. | 7c yard { for 3-inch Plain Taffeta Ribbons in all colors. |
| 12 ¹ / ₂ c yd. { for 3 1/2-inch and 4-inch Plain and Flowered Taffeta Ribbons. | 19c yard { for 5 and 6-inch Plain and Fancy Ribbons. A good sash width. |

Here is mighty interesting cut price news of housefurnishings

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| \$1.50 and \$2.00 Soiled Curtain 48c | One \$9 Gas Range, with 2 burners, and oven and broiler. Slight imperfections, but guaranteed. \$5.75 |
| 5 and 6-ply High Pressure Red and Black Jacket Lawn Hose. Reduced from 50c to 25c. To close, 25c. | A \$30 French China Dinner Set, with some minor pieces missing; pink rosebud decorations. Reduced to..... |
| 25 feet Japanned Tin Water Coolers, with nickel faucet, 6-gal. \$1.98 | A \$15 English China Set, with slight imperfections; floral and border decorations. Reduced to..... |
| 6-gallon Cooler; reduced because scratched. \$1.69 | 200 dozen fine Thin-blown Whisky Glasses; all sizes; worth 65c and 75c a dozen. Reduced to close, to..... |
| 2c Round Cake Boxes; dent-ed; have hinged lids. \$21c | FOUR "Auto-Spin" Freezers—3-qt. Reduced from \$2.98 to \$1.55. 4-qt. Reduced from \$2.25 to \$2.09. 6-qt. Reduced from \$4.50 to \$2.59. 3d floor. |
| 8c and \$1 Heavy Tin Wash Boilers, with extra heavy bottoms; 30 sizes; reduced because dented. \$25c | |
| Two \$10 Blue Flame Oil Stoves, used in demonstrating; 3 burn- \$6.19 | |

Remnants— trimmed and untrimmed hats

JUST A QUESTION of whether you would rather have—the price is but a fraction of worth in any case.
WOMEN'S Misses' and Children's Untrimmed Straw Hats, in stylish shapes, 50c to 75c. To close, 25c.
WOMEN'S Misses' and Children's Ready-to-wear Hats, in shapes 25c most popular. Worth \$1.00 to \$1.50. To close, 98c.
WOMEN'S Misses' and Children's Trimmed Duck Hats, in white and natural colors; stylish shapes. Were \$1.45 to \$1.98. To close, 98c.
Second Floor.

Foulards, 29c yard

including "left-over" lengths from our recent foulard sale.
All are Cheney Bros. best grades that sell usually at 75c, 85c, and \$1.00 a yard.
Our sale price was 40c a yard. To immediately clear out the remainder, and because we have only waist or dress lengths left of many patterns the price tomorrow has been further reduced to 29c a yard.
All are 24 inches wide. Lengths 3 to 10 yards.
All the most admired colors and patterns will be found.
Think of the great economy this offering presents! Think how little a whole silk costume will cost! You should be here the first thing Friday morning.

Also many silks at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ piece price
A collection of about 1,800 yards of silks including all kinds such as plaids, checks and colored taffets, louisine, peau de soie, messaline, chiffon, glace taffeta, and peau de cygne, fancy and checked taffeta, washable pongees, Grenadines and Habutais.
Useful lengths—and every one big bargain.
1st floor—Bargain Tables.

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| Odds and ends of 3 ⁷ / ₈ c linings at, yd. 38c | Braids and guimps, 10c 6 to 12 yards for 10c |
| Mostly all are Percales, and black and colors are included. | Good for use on wash or woolen dresses or waists. A lot of Braids and Guimps, in different widths of silk, mohair, or cotton. A wide range of colors to choose from. Many are especially suitable for trimming children's apparel. Worth 20c to 30c a remnant. |
| You'll be able to make use of these linings either for fancy work or in a practical way when the price is 3 ⁷ / ₈ c a yard. | First Floor. |